

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 remain in the application. New claims 5-11 have been added including independent claim 6.

The Examiner objects to the drawings and specification because a drawing is described and referred to in the application but was not shown. The subject application includes a single figure, Figure 1. This figure was submitted with the application when the application was filed with the patent office on August 3, 2000, as indicated by the dated and USPTO stamped return postcard. A copy of this postcard is included herewith. Applicant is also enclosing another copy of Figure 1 with this amendment. No new matter has been added.

The specification and claims are objected to because of the line spacing. A clean copy of the application with proper line spacing is being submitted with this Amendment. The claims also stand objected to as being in improper form with regard to multiple dependencies. The application was originally filed with a set of claims that did not include any multiple dependent claims. This copy of claims from the original filed application was apparently lost or misplaced as indicated by the Notice of Missing Parts issued for failure to submit an English translation. When responding to the Missing Parts, Applicant inadvertently submitted two (2) copies of the claims, one copy had the original multiple dependent claims as foreign filed and the other copy was the originally submitted claims for the United States that did not include multiple dependent claims. Applicant has again amended claims 3 and 4 to remove the multiple dependencies in case the Examiner does not have a copy of the claims labeled "US CLAIMS." Applicant assumes that all objections to the drawings, claims and specification have been overcome.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takiguchi. Claim 1 includes the feature of each brush being connected to the motor casing with at least one noise suppression capacitor. This is not shown in Takiguchi. Takiguchi discloses the use of a single capacitor for all brushes. Further, the capacitor shown in Takiguchi does not connect the brushes to the motor casing as claimed by Applicant. Additionally, claim 1 includes the feature

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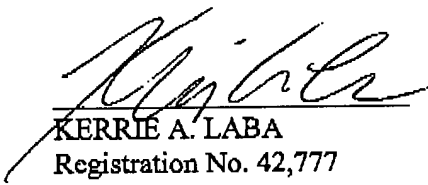
of the motor casing and the functional device having complementary means for grounding/earthing the casing. This is also not disclosed in Takiguchi.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takiguchi in view of Wille et al. For the reasons discussed above Takiguchi does not disclose, suggest, or teach the features claimed by Applicant and Wille et al. in combination with Takiguchi also does not disclose these features.

Thus claims 1-11 are allowable over the prior art, and an early indication of such is earnestly solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

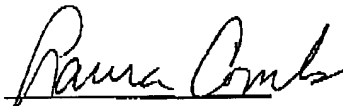
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APPENDIX A
Claims

(Version With Markings to Show Changes Made)

3. (Amended) System according to Claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the supply leads (10, 11) are associated with inductors (16, 17).

4. (Amended) System according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, characterized in that the means for earthing the casing of the motor comprise means for fastening this motor to the functional device.